THE STAR

RADIATING THE LIGHT
OF TRUTH ON
HANSEN'S DISEASE

MOTHER'S LOVE

Her love is like an island
  In life's ocean, vast and wide,
A peaceful, quiet shelter
  From the wind, and rain, and tide.

'Tis bound on the north by Hope,
  By Patience on the west,
By tender Counsel on the south,
  And on the east by Rest.

Above it like a beacon light
  Shine faith, and truth and prayer;
And through the changing scenes of life,
  I find a haven there.

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"In order that leprosy may be dealt with successfully on a comprehensive scale, and before any large proportion of early cases will come voluntarily for examination, there must be a change in the attitude of the public toward the disease. Any scheme for the control of leprosy will depend for its success on an educated public opinion."

Recommendation of World Conference on Leprosy, Cairo, Egypt, March 1938.

FACTS THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HANSEN'S DISEASE

The transmission of Hansen's disease being still unsolved, the medical world classes it as "feebly communicable".

The Leprosarium at Carville was founded forty-nine years ago. To date not a single member of the medical or nursing staff has contracted the disease.

Doctors and nurses take very simple precautions, not comparable with those they would take in dealing with diphtheria, typhoid and other communicable diseases.

Visitors are admitted freely, nor are they required to take any special precautions.

This paper, and all outgoing mail, is sterilized before leaving the hospital. THE STAR, rolled as we send it to you, requires 1½¢ postage, when sealed in a large envelope it requires 9¢ postage. Mail it to a friend when you have finished reading it. Help us to radiate the light of truth on Hansen's disease.

ENTERTAINMENT

(Arranged by Recreational Aid Thames)

Visiting entertainers are always enthusiastically welcomed here, our beautiful theater providing a stunning setting. Two dance groups from Baton Rouge were here in April, both presenting the art of Terpsichore in attractive but very different programs.

On Easter Sunday evening Mrs. Hokenson's group, a bevy of "junior misses" in snappy costumes, tapped their way right into the hearts of an appreciative audience. This program was interspersed by selections played by an accomplished mandolinist. Accompanying the group to Carville were Mr. and Mrs. Al Prender and B. L. Spann of Baton Rouge.

LSU dance students brought us a program on Sunday April 16. The young ladies, in picturesque costumes, presented a colorful variety of folk dances including English, American, Irish, Russian and Spanish Numbers.

Miss Elizabeth Moore, Chairman of the Women's Division of the University's Department of Health and Physical Education, directed the group. Mrs. Julius Pratt was the piano accompanist.

PATIENTS' FEDERATION ELECT

More than 200 patients attended a special meeting of the Patients' Federation held in the theater on Friday April 21, and accepted the resignation of the Executive Committee which was followed by the election of a new committee. The new Executive Committee includes Harry Martin, Chairman, Dr. Bernardo, William Chin, Tony Pacheco and Martin Brown.

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Kindly notify THE STAR when you change your mailing address.

THE NURSE

The nurse must have method, self-sacrifice, watchful activity, love of the work, devotion to duty ... the courage, the coolness of the soldier, the tenderness of the mother, the absence of the prig (that is, never thinking that she has attained perfection or that there is nothing better). She must have a three fold interest in her work -- intellectual interest in the case, a (much higher) hearty interest in the patient, a technical (practical) interest in the patient's care and cure. She must not look upon patients as made for nurses, but upon nurses as made for patients.

Florence Nightingale

May 12, which is observed as National Hospital day, is the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, pioneer in modern hospital and nursing methods.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Following an annual custom, the local American Legion Post will sponsor the observance of Memorial day on Tuesday, May 30. The twenty-two members of the Post, twelve World War I veterans and ten World War II veterans, have invited the entire patients body to participate. A program of dignity and solemnity is being arranged.

WAR STAMP REPORT

Carvillians evidently felt the urgent need of the armed forces for additional funds for the approaching invasion and dug deeper in their pockets. In our monthly drive we sold $180.90 in War Stamp.

BUY MORE BONDS
TO DEFEAT THE AXIS

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OVER THE EDITOR'S DESK

No.9

"I thought THE STAR was going to be printed"------this comment and others like it were heard locally last month. Now that we again appear on the scene in our usual mimeographed form we are sure that our readers,both local and outside, will be asking, "What about the printed paper that THE STAR has been making big talk about since last December?" Explanations,even the best ones,are dull,but sometimes necessary. Now we could blame it on the war, that would be right in tune with the times, or we could use the threadbare phrase, "circumstances beyond our control", and both would not be far from wrong. Once we read in THE BUZZER, one of our exchanges,a little verse which goes like this:

A daub of ink, a sheet of scrap,
A stick of type and a proofing mat,
For a print-shop, you need all of that.

We have "all of that" and more in our print-shop but it has taken many months to get it and we are just now clearing the hurdle of assembling various and sundry small but important items without which the printing press alone could not print the paper. Our student compositors are beginning to get the hang of things. Organization and plans for the printed STAR are going forward.A visit from our friend, Jack Boyer of the State Printing Department, on Sunday April 23, proved to be very helpful to the technical staff.Mr. Boyer's long years of experience qualify him as an expert advisor.We have set June as a definite goal to issue THE STAR in its new dress. No doubt there are still a few headaches before us but here's hoping!

In our April issue we reprinted an item from the Columbus (Georgia) LEDGER which quoted a statement by Dr. E. R. Kellersberger in a talk given at the First Presbyterian Church in that city. It was our conviction, and still is, that Dr. Kellersberger's use of the word "indecent" was an unfortunate choice and we said so editorially. Regardless of the impression he intended to convey,his hearers and the readers of his statement,received an erroneous idea because of the connotation usually placed on that word by the average person.

Following publication of the reprint in THE STAR we received a lengthy letter, bearing the signatures of sixty patients, vigorously protesting Dr. Kellersberger's statement and asking for his apology. It was requested that the letter be printed, word for word, in THE STAR. While it was our opinion that this protest should have been sent directly to Dr. Kellersberger, we were about to accede to the request and publish the letter, within our space limitations, when a wire from Dr. Kellersberger, reading as follows, was brought to our attention:

"Portland Oregon. Mayl, 1944. Just received copy of STAR editorial. Deeply grieved that any newspaper quotation should be accepted as my sentiments before ascertaining the real truth. Answer fully on my return to New York."

We are therefore withholding publication of the protest letter since we believe it is only fair to give Dr. Kellersberger an opportunity to present his answer. If the doctor was misquoted (and daily newspapers do sometimes misquote) then he should see to it that the Georgia

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An Open Letter To

Mr. R.R. Dupree, President,
Procter & Gamble Co.,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Sir: On the Radio program, "I Love a Mystery" (CBS-10 P.M.), sponsored by your company, the episode "The Widow with the Amputation" was concluded April 21. This program was heard by countless millions, including many patients in this hospital who also love a mystery but, as one of our readers has expressed it, "This whole story and make up was not a mystery but a horror story of misinformation." Evidently Carlton Morse, the writer of the continuity, is not familiar with the true nature of leprosy and your company has done both the victims of this disease and the public a grave injustice by perpetuating an age old misconception, simply to achieve a sensational effect. Apart from this, it was in exceptionally bad taste. There are nearly 400 patients in this hospital, coming from 40 states in the Union, many of us have families throughout the United States; we and our families resent this form of advertising and we seriously doubt that it will increase the volume of your sales of Oxydol and Ivory soap.

It may interest you to know that our paper is not only read by the patients and personnel of this hospital but has subscribers in every state of the Union, besides going to many foreign countries. We have friends who were not favorably impressed with this objectionable radio episode. We know that you have received letters and wires of protest from some of them. Mr. Morse would not have dared to offend the victims of any other disease in such a manner. We suggest that he visit Carville and learn the real facts. He could then prepare a worthwhile and interesting radio script which Procter & Gamble, with its almost unlimited commercial time on the air, could present to the public.

Yours very truly,
THE STAR

Copy of telegram composed by a prominent attorney of Chicago who is a champion of our cause, signed by a good friend of the patients, and sent to Procter & Gamble on April 21:

I write to respectfully direct your attention to the fact that the recitals being made currently in the episodes of the radio serial "I Love a Mystery" are contrary to medical science, and are bound to have a disturbing and discouraging effect on unfortunate persons presently afflicted with this disease. It is my considered conviction that if the historical and scientific proofs are brought to the attention of the author of the script he would be willing to change the recitals in the light of true facts. I would be pleased to furnish authoritative information from recognized medical authorities to prove my contention.

I earnestly solicit your cooperation to the end that the present practice will be discontinued in the immediate future.

The "I Love a Mystery" program features various continued mystery stories and stars two male characters with an account of their adventures. Each story continues over a period of about two weeks. The objectionable story was entitled "The Widow With the Amputation", synopsis as follows: The setting was an island called Sin somewhere near Japanese occupied territory, where lived a Mrs. Simpson (the widow), her step-daughter, a Chinese girl called Amy, and the Chinese ser-

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VOICE OF THE PATIENTS

The opinions expressed in this department are not necessarily those of THE STAR. We set aside this space to give patients the opportunity to discuss questions pertinent to our problem, local and general. Offensive personal attacks are not permitted. All communications must be signed by the writer for identification but names will be withheld from publication on request and initials or a nom de plume used. Future contributions must be brief.

I was very glad to read in the April issue a letter by a fellow patient bringing forth for public discussion a very interesting subject, the "food situation," which is almost the theme of our daily discussions here. I take this opportunity, therefore, to use the columns of THE STAR which so generously offers to express my viewpoint on this vital subject. For many years I have heard many complaints both in private and in our Federation meetings about our food and the way it is being prepared by the Chef. Personally I do not share the opinion of some fellow patients that the Chef is incompetent and inexperienced in supervising the preparation of our food. After all he has been here for 18 years, and any person, even one with no previous experience, should be an expert cook by this time. I think the Chef is wholly indifferent and at times even antagonistic toward the patients. It is a situation where a person has been too long on the same job. The blame and criticism should not be entirely directed against the Chef but rather on the "Powers that be" here and in Washington who in spite of many complaints and protestations from the patients for so many years he is still kept here.

Is his political "pull" so great? What magic wand does he wield over the "Powers that be" that no one dares to remove him? Or is there any hidden reason to keep him here for fear that his removal will result in a boomerang?

Medical Officers in Charge have come and gone; doctors and nurses and other department heads were transferred during these many years. Why not the Chef?

If it is a good policy to change the M.O.C's., doctors, etc. why stop there? Even the very best man with the very best intentions will "rut" on the job, so to speak, if he stays too long in the same place, and 18 years is a "heck" of a long time.

Only a complete change of top personnel in the kitchen could remedy the situation. Promises and half measures will not help.

Sincerely yours,
The Mentor

It is felt that the above letter does not voice the sentiment of the majority of the patients. In my opinion this institution is indeed fortunate in having a good chef and an excellent dietician.

The fact that Chef Clayton has been here for 18 years and has satisfied three Medical Officers in Charge, speaks well for him. Before his employment here he had already gained a good reputation through long experience in Southern cusine.

It is pleasing to note that there is no criticism as to the quality of the food. This is a justifiable compliment for the dieetician who exerts every effort to procure only the best of foods.

When complaining of the manner of preparing and cooking food, the patients should realize that the difficulties of pleasing everyone's taste are almost insur-

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Over the Editor's Desk - Cont.

LEDGER makes a public correction; this they will have to do if he requests it or be responsible for libel. If he did make the statement, perhaps thoughtlessly, we feel sure that Dr. Kellersberger is big enough to admit it and will be careful to avoid such a word in the future.

In addition to Dr. Kellersberger's "indecent living" statement, he was quoted as saying that the disease was mostly found in the slum districts of our large cities. If this statement were true leprosy would be a far greater public health problem in the U.S. than it is generally supposed to be. We have few, if any, such cases in Carville, the only leprosarium in the continental United States, so what is being done about them? Dr. Kellersberger is a recognized authority on tropical diseases and is in constant demand at medical schools and other centers where Army and Navy doctors are being trained for tropical service. We understand that many of his talks are made at the request of the United States Public Health Service.

THE STAR has been sharply criticised by some people for reprinting the "indecent living" item and similar articles appearing in the press which are offensive to the patients. This ostrich-like school of thought is based on the old adage that "what you don't know won't hurt you." These people contend that publication of such items serves no purpose other than to disturb the patients.

THE STAR feels that in order to "radiate the Light of Truth" it is necessary to publish such misinformation so that it may be corrected, insofar as our limited circulation permits, and we have concrete evidence to prove that this policy has been effective

NEWS ABOUT PENICILLIN

Because penicillin is being used here on a limited scale, we know that news about it is of intense interest to the patients. We reprint the following:

Mexico City -- The possibility that penicillin, science's newest weapon against disease, was also in the armory of Mayan medicine men in pre-Columbus times was advanced here by Manuel Castro Monforte, one of Mexico's foremost Mayan scholars.

"The Mayas," Castro Monforte said, "were able to cure many illnesses of infectious origin with 'cuxum', a tiny mold which grows on damp wood or on food made from plants. I have learned this mold the Mayas used is the now-famous penicillin."

Monforte, who has devoted most of his 79 years to Mayan studies, said there was also evidence indicating old Indian herb doctors of the Yucatan peninsula had cures for leprosy and tuberculosis. All these cures, if they existed, were lost when the Mayan civilization broke up under the shock of the Spanish conquest.

Monforte said the Mayan medicine men roasted green corn and then let it stand until a red mold appeared. This was "cuxum." AP Features.

Washington - A nationwide system for limited distribution of the "wonder drug" penicillin to civilians was announced today by the war production board.

Under the system, supplies will be channeled to more than 1000 depot hospitals. AP.

Over the Editor's Desk -Cont.

in most instances. We strongly feel that "to permit an error to go unchallenged is to participate in it."

Rumors, altho' sometimes malicious, are at other times highly amusing. Carville's grapevine gets things so twisted that you have to sift the chaff from the wheat to learn what portion of the story, if any, is really true.

Living as we do with the Mississippi on three sides of us brings thoughts of the rise that is inevitable each Spring. Accordingly when a man overheard bits of conversation between two others about water all over the place he jumped to conclusions. Luckily before he started the story on its rounds he inquired, "Just where did the levee break, do you think we are in danger?" Completely baffled the two men looked at each other and then burst into gales of laughter for they had been discussing a broken water pipe and the water all over the lawn.

An innocent remark grows into a mammoth rumor and when it comes back to you what you are told is appalling. If you show an interest in point values, social security cards or ration books you are apt to be asked very confidentially, "Is it true you are planning to abscond on Tuesday evening at exactly 10 P.M.?You can trust me, I won't breathe it to a soul."

ANN PAGE'S THE LADIES

You think you'll squelch this one by replying, "I'll place a notice on the bulletin board when I get ready to take that step." The inquisitive one then says, "Well, then you must be going on raw rations instead of going to the cafeteria anymore." You ask, "What ever gave you that idea?" Quickly she answers, "Sue, told me you were talking about points being lowered on certain foods." And you wonder why you listen to ration news on the radio, if it is going to bring on such complications.

The one which currently makes the rounds here concerns some classy gal's return to the confines of Carville. (There are about two men to each woman patient.) Without waiting to confirm the rumor the wolves rush to their rooms and don their red neck ties and their best suits, then to the hospital for just a glimpse of the fair damsel. Sometimes they go so far as to ask Dr. Jo if there really is a beautiful new patient. Dr. Jo becomes all flustered and wonders if he missed out on a bit of news, but nine times out of ten the rumor proves untrue and red ties are put back into moth balls until the next rumor starts on its rounds.

"Seeing is believing" is certainly true of happenings in Carville and our advice is only believe half of what you see as this story adapted from one of our exchanges illustrates:

A very dignified lady, self-appointed supervisor of colony morals, accused a fellow of indecent conduct for "with her very own eyes" she had seen his bicycle outside one of the ladies' houses quite late at night. The man made no verbal defense, but the same evening he placed his bicycle outside her house and left it there all night.

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

On Easter Monday when Dr.Bernardo, in a very serious tone of voice, told us he was robbed we instantly inquired what had been stolen. Said he, "The bulletin board announced 15 beautiful dancers would be here on Easter Sunday and only 5 came, so I was robbed of the pleasure of seeing 10 gorgeous gals." Weren't we all!!

During April the Japanese plum trees around Betty and Harry's cottage were heavily laden with fruit. Catherine, passing on a bicycle, tried to grab a few and wound up on the ground with the wheel on top of her. Betty ran out to see if she was hurt and finding out that bruises were the main injury,asked how it had happened. Catherine replied,"I was trying to steal some of your Japanese plums." "Why, I'd have given you some if you had asked," replied Betty. "Oh, I know that," said Catherine, "but stolen fruit is always sweeter."

Is anyone interested in playing CHESS by mail? We've had a letter from M.W.Meyers,Editor of The Fluoroscope, Northville, Michigan,regarding the champion player at Keifer Hospital who is looking for someone to beat him. If you're interested write to Mr. Al Ozgo, Herman Keifer Hospital, Detroit, 2, Michigan. Good luck and good playing!

Roland Roberts has finished the first job printing on our press. He printed 1000 sheets and 500 envelopes for the Patients' Federation.

He is one of our most gallant young men patients and the other day he was walking home with one of the ladies when she suddenly stopped and said what sounded to him like this: "O, I forgot my pantsies, would you mind going back to the Infirmary for them? I am sure I left them in the shot room." The young man hesitated, visibly embarrassed, so the lady said, "Never mind, wait for me and I'll go and get them myself." "Much better,"commented the relieved young man to himself, "these modern girls!" In a very few minutes his lady companion reappeared carrying---a bouquet of pansies.

That old superstition that 13 is unlucky may be true but Guy doesn't think so for on April 13 he found 13 four leaf clovers and for good measure one five leaf one. With all of those good luck tokens you should even get some negative tests, Guy.

The lady patient complained of being very dizzy; said she, "I actually feel seasick." "Well, that could be,"replied Dr.Pogge, "you know this is a Marine Hospital."

Have you discarded an old watch that refuses to run but may still have some good parts? If so, please send this watch or watch parts to Ross Smith, our local watch repair man. Ross is having trouble finding replacements. This request is intended for patients,personnel or interested outside readers.

If you saw Nora all smiles last Sunday she had good reason; for her fine young son was visiting her. She tells us he is as fine in character as he is in looks too. Like Mother,like son, Nora!

THANKS TO THE LOUISIANA GROUP

We have acknowledged subscriptions from Forty and Eighters from all parts of the United States. This a thank you to the Louisiana "home folks" who have been very generous in their interest in THE STAR. Voiture 137 of Shreveport sent 25 subscriptions with the message that they expect to add materially to them as time goes on. The subscriptions came from Newton Stevens, Ama; Joseph Exnicio, New Orleans; M. J. Burgoine, New Orleans; Otto Odondahl, Metairie; Arthur O'Neil, New Orleans; Harry Robertson, Metairie; Dr. Lamar Atkins, Shreveport; J.L. Bicknell, Shreveport; O.O. Boyd, Oil City; Edward Brockhaus, Shreveport; Abry S. Cahn, Shreveport; Earl H. Carr, Shreveport; F.T. Crowe, Mooringsport; A. L. Deitz, Shreveport; R.B. Dunlap, Shreveport; Dr. Edgar Galloway, Shreveport; Joe T. Goodman, Shreveport; Dr. M. E. Kaffie, Shreveport; Sherwood Loe, Shreveport; A. L. Pollard, Shreveport; Wm. G. Powell, Shreveport; Dr. H. J. Quinn, Shreveport; Dr. O. C. Rigby, Shreveport; P. A. Shipp, Shreveport; L.C. Sparke, Shreveport; Dr. J. R. Stamper, Shreveport; John C. Thompson, Bossier City; Shreveport Military Service Center, Shreveport; John E. Glavin, Shreveport; Herbert H. Watkins, Homer; Joe W. Warner, Shreveport; W.E. Lawson, Monroe; Sam Orchard, Monroe; Fred Gray, Ruston; Frank X. Cline, Monroe; A. M. Aboud, Monroe; J.W. Davis, Tallulah; H. Mickle, Monroe; V. H. Davis, Tallulah; A. N. Robinson, Monroe; Bert Roburg, Algiers; A. J. Laburre, New Orleans; H.C. Comish, Baton Rouge; Frank B. Russel, Baton Rouge; Lawrence McCarthy, Houma; Victor A. Maurin, Houma; J. Louis Watkins, Houma; John A. Helgason, Mounds; C. E. McKenzie, Monroe Rev. E.D. Holloway, Monroe; Dr. C. L. Mengis, Monroe; Dr. W.L. Bendel, Monroe; Clyde Cannaday, Baton Rouge; A.B. Capdeviello, Baton Rouge; J. S. Cicero, Baton Rouge; Roland Cocreham, Baton Rouge; John Weinnig, New Orleans; F. L. Hester; New Orleans; Joe Simpich, New Orleans; J. Albert Ellerman, New Orleans; F. P. Livasey, New Orleans; Dr. J. C. Menendez, New Orleans; Dr. C. H. Hagans, New Orleans; C. H. Hoffmire, New Orleans.

SPORTS

by Nick

Again softball reigns as king of sports in Carville, with golf, tennis and various other sports sharing the spotlight.

SOFTBALL. With the cheering from the stands the first game got under way on Easter Sunday and after the dust had cleared, the Blues had defeated the Reds 5-0. After three weeks of softball each team has won 3 games so the diamond feud remains unchanged.

GOLF. These cool spring days find many golf enthusiasts on the greens. This year, more than ever, the men are receiving more and more competition from the fairer sex. The course is being kept in good condition.

TENNIS. Tennis is also taking its share of the spotlight on cool spring evenings. The swish of the rackets and the thud of the ball is heard. Our tennis players are looking forward to a tennis tournament in the near future.

Letters to the Editor:

Your courteous comment on my letter in your April issue calls for a few remarks on my part, just to keep the record straight. I want to make it clear that I am not a joy-killer and I relish also a little nonsense now and then with certain limitations. It has always been an accepted axiom even by the ancient pagans that what is sacred must be treated with respect. Birth and death are human events so tremendous that they must never become the target of ridicule. I know that Samuel Lover has a place in English literature, but surely his fame can not rest on verses like these: "No one could know if the child was too fast or the clock was too slow."

Horace tells us in his Ars Poetica (Art of Poetry) that even Homer dozes sometimes; and so we may not expect perfection in a minor poetic star; and by the same token, even the most brilliant editor may be apt to slip at times and expose himself to honest criticism, which, if he can take it, he proves himself to an honest man.

May I also remind you again that the 17th of March is not the day of birth but commemorative of the death of St. Patrick. Hence the whole poem of Lover's unlovely verses are altogether beside the mark.

In conclusion I wish to say that if the true clients of the Saint celebrate his feast in the morning by appropriate spiritual refreshments and in the evening indulge in some congenial conviviality, by no stretch of poetic license can this be branded as blind drunkenness.

Diogenes Redivivus

Samuel Lover, gallant Hibernian that he was, would probably turn over in his grave if he knew that his humorous poem stirred

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Easter at Kalaupapa

Lucie Camp, a patient at Kalaupapa Settlement, Molokai, Hawaii, sent us the following interesting account:

"The people here, of the different denominations, enjoyed decorating their respective churches for the Easter Holiday. Ethel and I spent nearly all of Saturday afternoon at our church (Roman Catholic). The high altar had over 200 yellow and white roses, with orchids and anthariums (grown by the patients) on the smaller altars. In the evening we made up 32 Easter baskets for the youngsters, with Elaine lending a hand. I wonder if perhaps we didn't get more fun getting the baskets ready than the children had in finding them.

"On Easter morning the Catholic services were at 6:30, with General Communion. The choir sang 'Missa Benedicamus Domino', by Pirosi. At this evening's service we will sing Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus' from the 'Messiah'. Everybody was dressed up in their new spring finery, including new Easter bonnets. There should have been an Easter fashion parade. This is my personal opinion.

"There was also a wedding on Saturday evening. Elizabeth and Harry were united in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony by Rev. Alice Kahocuoluna, pastor of the Congregational Church, who, I believe, is the only ordained woman minister in the Islands."

LETTERS - CON'T

up a friendly controversey in THE STAR, between Diogenes Redivivus and your humble scribe, neither of whom can claim even remote kinship to Mother McCree. We therefore think it best to consider the subject closed lest some O'Toole or Murphy wield a well-aimed shillelagh in our direction.

CATHOLIC CHAPEL

Father Abbot Paul, Chaplain
6 A.M. Communion Mass with short homily, Sunday
8:30 Low Mass with Sermon, followed by Benediction, Sunday.
6:00 A.M. Mass, weekdays
2:20 P.M. Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Tuesday
6:30 P.M., May 14, Mother's Day Procession.

PROTESTANT CHURCH NOTES

Rev. Clifton E. Rash, Chaplain

Regular Services every Sunday morning at 9:45. Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. This is mid-week prayer meeting and Bible Study. The Bible studies are the International Sunday School lessons for each following Sunday.

Regular Service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month at 9:45.

IN MEMORIAM

On April 16, 1944 Flor passed away after an illness of several months. This young man was our friend and a member of The Star Staff. Each of us feel his loss keenly and hope that this beautiful quotation may bring comfort to his family and other friends as it has to us.

"Even the death of friends will inspire us as much as their lives. They will leave consolation to the mourners, as the rich leave money to defray the expenses of their funerals, and their memories will be incrusted over with sublime and pleasing thoughts, as monuments of other men are overgrown with moss."

EASTER SERVICES IN CATHOLIC CHAPEL

With the jubilation always so characteristic of great festivals, High Mass on Easter Sunday was gloriously sung by the choir of eight male voices and sixteen trebles. The joyful rendition of "Christus Resurrexit" by Ravenello as organ prelude served as a splendid immediate preparation for the impressive ceremony of the Mass. Preceding the Holy Sacrifice, our tenor soloist, Joe Ruano, sang the well-known Easter hymn "Ye Sons and Daughters of the Lord" - -the hymn being interspersed by a four-part chorus on the Alleluias. The Ordinary of the Mass (Tempore Paschali) was rendered antiphonally in Gregorian modes. The Proper (Tozer), sung in four-part harmony, was an excellent contrast to the beautiful simplicity of the Gregoriam Ordinary. The sermon, delivered by Reverend Francis A. Fox, S.J., of New Orleans, was the culmination of many inspiring talks which this eloquent missionary gave during Holy Week.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the organ postlude- a rich variation on the Easter theme "O Filii et Filiae" by Clement Loret- brought to a fitting close, the morning celebration of the glorious Resurrection.

HORSE SENSE

A horse can't pull while kicking.
This fact I merely mention.
And he can't kick while pulling,
Which is my chief contention.

Let's imitate the good old horse
And lead a life that's fitting;
Just pull an honest load, and then
There'll be no time for kicking.

--Unknown

PERSONNEL PERSONALS

by Mary E. Browne

Miss Elsie Faget, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G.H. Faget, was one of 50 students and 4 members of the faculty of Louisiana State University honored in April at the University's annual honors convocation. Miss Faget was the recipient of the ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA award for the senior girl with the highest average for 4 years. She also received the intersorority award.

Lt.(j.g.) Howell C. Cobb, brother of Mrs. Clara Gilmore, and his wife visited his parents in Baton Rouge recently. Lt. Cobb has been on duty in the Pacific area for almost 18 months and has been awarded the Silver Star for action in that area. Lt. and Mrs. Cobb paid a brief visit to Carville.

The Officers' Supper Club met at the quarters of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gleason on the first Tuesday in April.

Perry Butler was home for a week's vacation at Easter time from the Gulf Coast Military Academy, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The Ladies' Friday Afternoon Bridge Club met twice during the month with Mrs. Alex Haase and Mrs. F.A. Johansen as hostesses.

Mrs.Mel Thomas (Bernadette Medus) and little daughter,Sharon, have gone to Buras to make their home, after an extended visit with Mr.and Mrs.Charley Clayton.

The Personnel Dessert Club met on the evening of April 21, with Mrs.David Gleason and Mrs. Clara Gilmore as co-hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs.Russell Tice were visitors to the Mississippi Gulf Coast during the month.

Early in April Mrs.Edward Stanley returned from an extended visit in Tucson, Arizona, with Captain and Mrs. Charles Johnson and little daughter, Gloria. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley now have the pleasure of a visit from the Johnsons. Captain Johnson was able to stay only a few days. Everyone is particularly interested in meeting the new little miss, and it is very natural to speak of "Grandpa" Stanley-- and Grandpa Edward Stanley is carrying that title very proudly these days.

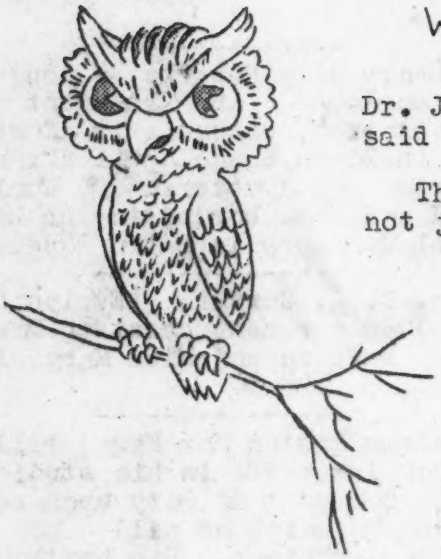
Mr. Henry Clay Roberts, a long time employee and resident at this station, passed away at his home in Baton Rouge April 27.Mr. Roberts was a veteran of World War I and was buried in the National Cemetery in Baton Rouge.

Mrs. C. A. Carver, (Evelyn LaPlace)was a recent guest of Mrs. Aubrey LaPlace and Miss Mary E. Browne.

Newsfrom Ensign Max Faget tells of much interest in his studies at his new post of duty upon completion of which he will be a submarine officer. His brother, Frank Faget, has recently been made a Junior Analyst in the Engineering Department,Boeing Aircraft Factory.

Sergeant Odon Amedee, on duty at Miami, Florida, was called home on account of the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Leonce Kling, who passed away at his home in Dutchtown in April. Both Mr. Kling and Sgt. Amedee were former employees of this hospital. While on leave Sgt. Amedee visited here.

BUY MORE BONDS!



WORDS OF THE WISE

Dr. J. F. Schamberg (Philadelphia, Pa.) said it:

The unwarranted dread of Leprosy is not justified by scientific facts.